



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 27, 2011

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9
Soil moisture supplies: 10% very short, 31% short, 58% adequate and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report
Dry, warm weather allowed producers to make excellent progress with most all field activities, but short topsoil was becoming a problem in some areas. Land preparation progressed greatly last week. Corn, rice, and sorghum planting surpassed both last year and the five year average. Sugarcane producers sprayed herbicides and began to fertilize the crop. Soybean producers continued to prepare their land for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Producers continued spraying and harvesting strawberries. Citrus producers were finishing fertilization and scouting trees for insects. Vegetable producers were planting and working crops. Crawfish harvest continued and catches were increasing.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Pasture conditions continued to improve with dryer weather conditions across the state. Some fertilizer was being applied to pastures and hayfields. Cattlemen continued working cattle as calving season continued.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	70	51	56	56
Corn	Planted	85	33	74	68
Rice	Planted	37	22	31	22
Sorghum	Planted	26	4	5	6
Winter Wheat	Headed	23	0	1	20

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	14	44	29	12
Winter Wheat	0	1	22	71	6
Livestock	1	7	40	47	5
Vegetables	2	7	40	47	4
Pasture	2	15	45	36	2



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/21/11 TO 03/27/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	53	0.05	1.08	6.36	10.12
Minden	82	36	58	53	0.45	1.32	7.73	10.92
Mooringsport	78	32	55	MM	0.63	1.61	8.71	9.32
Shreveport South	81	35	58	MM	0.40	1.45	7.64	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	82	32	57	54	0.49	1.46	7.69	10.29
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	82	34	58	54	0.47	1.74	7.34	11.62
Homer/Hill Farm	83	(29)	55	52	0.45	1.71	9.03	11.00
Extreme/Average	83	29	56	54	0.46	1.71	MM.MM	11.67
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	82	36	58	52	0.55	2.27	10.91	12.17
LSU-St Joseph	(87)	40	62	55	1.99	2.65	12.28	12.40
Tallulah	83	39	59	54	1.85	3.27	11.36	12.16
Extreme/Average	87	36	60	55	1.46	2.46	11.60	12.14
4. West-Central								
Leesville	79	33	61	56	0.66	1.11	7.79	11.49
Ashland	81	31	58	53	0.80	2.24	9.36	11.59
Hodges Gardens	75	35	59	MM	0.30	1.20	8.90	11.65
Extreme/Average	81	31	60	56	0.73	1.68	8.58	11.23
5. Central								
Alexandria	82	41	63	56	0.72	1.05	6.62	12.03
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	57	0.00	0.83	9.64	12.84
Bunkie	83	41	64	57	1.53	2.66	7.70	12.40
LSU-Alexandria	82	40	63	56	0.03	0.61	5.66	11.78
New Roads 5 NE	MM	MM	MM	57	0.00	0.46	6.43	12.91
Extreme/Average	83	40	63	57	1.13	2.66	7.70	12.18
6. East-Central								
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	56	0.00	0.53	7.83	13.03
LSU-Hammond	85	41	63	57	6.61	7.24	12.15	12.81
Slidell	80	45	64	57	0.96	1.85	7.18	12.59
Extreme/Average	85	41	63	58	3.79	4.55	9.67	12.72
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	77	40	63	57	0.00	0.25	5.36	11.90
Jennings	82	42	64	57	2.89	4.22	10.24	10.78
LSU-Crowley	82	45	65	58	1.36	2.69	8.96	11.21
Oberlin Fire Tow	79	41	64	59	1.09	2.05	6.93	12.34
Extreme/Average	82	40	65	58	1.78	2.99	8.71	10.84
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	46	65	58	1.28	1.98	7.04	11.34
LSU-Jeanerette	82	46	66	58	2.15	2.80	6.77	10.37
Morgan City	78	44	63	58	2.10	2.49	5.86	11.10
Lafayette	83	43	63	59	1.50	2.74	9.65	11.56
Extreme/Average	83	43	64	59	1.76	2.39	6.91	10.94
9. Southeast								
Galliano	79	47	67	59	2.24	2.64	9.18	11.50
Houma	MM	MM	MM	60	0.10	0.58	3.42	10.98
NO Audubon Park	81	48	65	61	1.98	2.57	5.74	11.20
Extreme/Average	81	47	66	60	2.11	2.57	5.74	11.74
State Averages	87	29	62	57	1.54	2.57	8.26	11.57

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 27, 2011

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